

Leicester,

Jan. 23. 1867.

Dear Mr. Garrison,

6 I left Boston Monday p.m.,  
to get home, having no doubt that  
I could do so, provided I could reach  
Worcester; - the latter however was  
done without very great difficulty, in  
about 2 1/2 hours; - and then I found  
that I must stay there. No sleigh, or  
vehicle of any sort, had come from Leicester  
that day, & the mail had been carried to  
+ fro on horseback; & no stable keeper  
would fit out a horse & sleigh to go. So I  
passed the night there, & got home at  
about 1/2 past 12 yesterday, - finding  
that my wife & Ade. had got through the  
2 severe storms without serious trouble.

J. May, Jr., Leicester, Jan. 23, 67.

From Boston I wrote you a note,  
wherein I mentioned what E. Jackson  
had told me of the decision in the  
case of F. G.'s will, & that a meeting  
of Trustees, appointed by F. G.,



would soon be held. - Yesterday  
I had a notice from C. K. Whipple  
that such a meeting was to be  
held at E. Jackson's house on  
Monday next, at 10 o'clock.

I was much surprised at that,  
as E. J. had told me the meeting  
should not be held before Tuesday,  
and I had explained that I had an  
engagement for Monday, & evening.  
I cannot well break that engagement;  
and, if I can postpone it, I must  
still go to Boston on Saturday, in  
order to be ready for the meeting at  
~~that early hour~~, which it would be quite inconvenient to me to do.  
~~fixed~~ It was a most inconvenient  
hour for all ~~the~~ <sup>living</sup> Trustees out of  
town. Therefore, as I may not  
( & probably shall not ) be able to  
~~not~~ attend the meeting ~~on~~ that day  
& hour, I have to-day written to  
Edmund Jackson, expressing my  
opinion as to the appropriate use  
of F. J.'s bequest. I have



suggested its appropriation to the  
Freedmen's Union Commission, - or,  
preferably, to the New England Branch  
of the same; - not to be at once  
expended, & perhaps not at all on  
office expenses, rents, &c. - but to be  
established as a fund, the income (&  
also it may be a percentage of the  
principal) to be used for the practical  
work of the Commission, support of  
teachers, &c. and in publications arousing  
the public mind to the duty of  
educating and standing by the freedpeople.

I trust you will attend the  
meeting of the Trustees. It may not be  
altogether pleasant to you, as it would  
not to me. Still I <sup>& meant</sup> arranged to go, and  
if E. Jackson had been able to carry  
out the plan he told me of, (in regard to  
time of holding the meeting,) I should have  
been there. (It almost seems to me  
as if the time had been fixed, to exclude  
some of the Trustees.) But I feel that



they, who were appointed by Francis Jackson as his trustees, and who were entrusted by him with the use and expenditure of his liberal gift, should not withhold any effort in their power to give a right direction to it. If you do attend the meeting, will you ask if any of the absent Trustees have communicated their views? - ~~and~~ as I wish to have my note read. I should hardly suppose that a final vote would be taken next Monday; but if <sup>there</sup> ~~it~~ should be, I want my vote recorded in accordance with what I have to-day written to Edmund Jackson. C. H. Whipple has the notion that the \$10,000 will soon be paid over to the Trustees. I didn't so understand it, from what E. J. told me; but that these trustees were to advise as to the object, nearest in character to antislavery, to which the fund sh<sup>d</sup>. be applied. At all events, let us do what we can to save them from mis-appropriation. What is the use of salaried such agents as C. L. Remond, P. Pillsbury, &c. &c.?

Truly Yours - Saml. May, Jr.